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SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY.

MARRIAGES LICENSE 1726—1744.

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The following is a list of the marriage licenses contained in the first volume of the records of Spotsylvania Co., Virginia. I have made, within brackets, additions identifying some of the persons named.

1726, John Catlett and Mary Grayson; 1727, Benjamin Winslow and Susannah Beverley [daughter Robert B. of "Newlands," Spotsylvania]; George Home and Elizabeth Procter; 1729, Moseley Battaly and Elizabeth Taliaferro; 1729, Francis Slaughter and Ann Lightfoot, (June 26th) John Chew and Margaret Beverley [daughter of Robt. B.]; 1729—30, March, Chichley Thacker and Hannah Clowder; 1730, June, Rodham Kenner and Judith Beverley [daughter of Robt. B.]; 1731, Thomas Hill and Elizabeth Gray, (August 3d) William Woodford and Elizabeth Cock, [Wm Woodford was the first sheriff of Caroline Co., 1728 and 1729, and father of Wm Woodford of the Revolution]; 1732—3, January 4th, Elliott Benger and Dorothea Brayne, [the sister of the wife of Governor Spotswood, and the "Miss Theky" of the Byrd Papers]; 1733, Larkin Chew and Mrs. Mary Beverley [daughter of Robert B.], Rice Curtis and Mrs. Ann Brock, Hancock Lee and Mary Willis; 1736, Francis Thornton and Frances Gregory [He was of Fall Hill, near Fredericksburg. She a daughter of Roger Gregory and his wife Mildred Washington]: 1737, William Robinson and Agatha Beverley [W. R. was a brother of Speaker Robinson. Agatha B., a daughter of Robert B.], John Gregg and Elizabeth Waugha 1738, William Waller and Mrs. Ann Beverley, [daughter of Robt. B.]; 1739, John Gordon and Margaret, daughter of Dorothy Tennant, Joseph Calvert and Lucy Webb, Reverend James Marye and Mrs. Elinor Purcel Dun [Rev. James M. was a Huguenot immigrant, minister at Manakintown, and afterwards

from 1735 to 1767, minister of St. George's Parish, Spotsylvania]; 1740, Edmund Waller and Mrs. Mary Pendleton, John Thornton and Mildred Gregory, [daughter of Roger G.]; 1741, Thomas Minor and Alice Thomson; 1742, Henry Willis and Elizabeth Gregory, [daughter of Roger G.], 1744, William Hunter and Martha Taliaferro, [ancestors of Robert Mercer Taliaferra Hunter], William Johnston and Betty Taylor.

PEDIGREE OF A REPRESENTATIVE VIRGINIA PLANTER.

BY THE EDITOR.

[*Virginia Pedigree of Digges.*]

IV.

Col. Edward Digges, b. about 1621, d. March 15, 1675—6, aged 55 years; m. Elizabeth (d. about 1691), supposed to be a sister[49] of Col. John Page. Edward entered Gray's Inn, May 19, 1637, and emigrated to Virginia about 1650. By deed dated 11th day of Sept., 1650 and confirmed by a patent dated 6th of May, 1651, he purchased from Capt. John West and Anne his wife, a plantation containing 1,250 acres in Hampton Parish, York Co., "beginning at a marked tree on a point at the mouth and westward side of a creek called West's Creek (Felgate's Creek) even or nigh York river course, east and by south 400 poles to a point on the west side of Miller's Creek, thence southeast 240 poles to Morgan's Creek, and into the main wood, southwest 340 poles, and so northwest upon the land of William Sayer over a swamp leading along to the Indian Bridge northerly along West's Creek to the first station."[50] The plantation

(49) Page calls Edward Digges' wife, Elizabeth, "sister" in his will. Among the head-rights in Page's patent, 1655, are his wife, Alice, and Elizabeth and Mary Page. Elizabeth, the immigrant, may have been the sister of Page and the wife subsequently of Digges. Mary Page, the other immigrant, was probably Page's daughter and married Col. Chiles, speaker of the House of Burgesses.—See "Quarterly" for October, 1892.

(50) York Co. Records, "Deeds and Bonds," Vol. I., p. 197.